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## "A Performing Artist's Journey...Begins" (Senior Showcase)

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“A Performing Artist’s Journey...Begins” – Written Description

For my Senior Honors Project, my sponsor (James Slowiak) and I decided that I will do the thing I love most: performing. I decided to create a senior showcase – a one-person, twenty-minute (give or take) performance. Originally, this showcase was going to be a live theatre event. Due to coronavirus and social distancing, I had to adjust and adapt as I transformed my piece into a *virtual* performance.

As for the content that would be performed, I carefully selected pieces that represented my journey as a performing artist the past four years. I wanted to showcase my growth and range as a performer. I chose one monologue from each of the six MainStage Theatre productions I have performed in at The University of Akron. I also wrote an introduction, conclusion, and brief introductions to each monologue. Additionally, I included a song that represented my time with Rhythm & Roos, an a Cappella group I performed with for two and a half years.

All in all, I feel that this virtual senior showcase accomplished my original goals: it tested my acting abilities; captures my essence as a performer; showcases my range, past performances, and specific techniques I have developed; denotes a theme of evolution as it follows my collegiate performance journey; and truly represents the time and work I put in, while simultaneously serving as a capstone and culmination of my experience.

**YouTube Link:** [https://youtu.be/wZ27wj0Qh\\_o](https://youtu.be/wZ27wj0Qh_o)